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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC APPROVES ATMOS PURCHASE OF TXU GAS COMPANY**

Jefferson City (September 22, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement reached by Atmos Energy Corporation, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel which authorizes Atmos Energy Corporation to acquire TXU Gas Company. The agreement contains a number of conditions designed to insulate Missouri ratepayers from any adverse effects that could result from the acquisition.

The application filed with the Commission stated that the proposed purchase would not be detrimental to the public interest because it will not result in any reduced level of service or reliability for those customers presently being served by TXU Gas Company in Texas nor will it have an impact on the Missouri customers of Atmos.

The Commission stated in its order: "The Commission has considered the application, the unanimous stipulation and agreement, the pleadings and the Staff (PSC Staff) Memorandum. The Commission finds that, subject to the conditions imposed, the acquisition will not be detrimental to the public interest, and will approve it."

TXU Gas Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TXU Corp. and is engaged in the transmission and distribution of natural gas at retail to approximately 1.5 million customers in Texas. Atmos Energy Corporation serves approximately 59,700 natural gas customers in Missouri.

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